GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Treasuries & Accounts Department– Smt. N. Lakshmi, AO (Retd.)– Allegations of "Unauthorized absence and irregular attendance to duties and dereliction of legitimate duties" – Inquiry Ordered - Appointment of Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer– Orders – Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN-I-DTA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 513 **Dated: 16-03-2021.**

Read the following:-

1. Lr.No.A1/510/2020, dated. 06.03.2020 of Deputy Director, District Treasury, Ongole, Prakasam District.
2. GO.MS. No. 66, Finance (Admn.I) Department, Dt. 08.07.2020
3. GO RT No. 1770, Finance (Admn.I) Department, Dt. 08.07.2020
4. Explanation of Smt. N. Lakshmi, AO (Retd.) threw Lr.No.SOW03-23021(34) /16/2020-ACC SEC-COTW, Dated: 11.09.2020 of the Director of Tribal Welfare (I/c), AP, Vijayawada.
5. DTA e-File No. FIN02-17024/28/2019-G SEC-DTA (Computer No. 926715).

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ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the Deputy Director, District Treasury, Ongole, Prakasam District has submitted the discreet enquiry report on the allegations of "Unauthorized absence and irregular attendance to duties and dereliction of legitimate duties", against Smt. N. Lakshmi, the then Assistant Accounts Officer, O/o the Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Ongole now Accounts Officer (Retired), O/o Director of Tribal Welfare, Amaravati at Vijayawada.

2. In the reference second and third read above, the Government have issued the following Articles of Charge under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 against the charged officer.

Charge – I

That Smt. N. Lakshmi, the then Assistant Accounts Officer, O/o Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Ongole was unauthorizedly absent and irregularly attended to duties during the period from January 2018 to November 2018. The Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Ongole, vide Memo Rc. No.88/2018/A1, dt.26.12.2018 has called for explanation from the individual, however she read the memo, but refused to receive and acknowledge the same, thereby behaved in a manner unbecoming on the part of as a responsible Government Servant, exhibited misconduct, and thus violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964

Charge – II

That Smt. N.Lakshmi, the then Asst. Accounts Officer, O/o Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Ongole, while functioning as Assistant Accounts Officer was resorting to dilatory tactics in disposing the pending files and in attending for reconciliation of revenue receipts as unbecoming of Government Servant thereby exhibited misconduct and violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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The articles of Charged have been server to the charged officer with a direction to submit her written statement of defence if any, within (10) days of the receipt of the orders.

3. In the reference fourth read above, the charged officer has submitted her written explanation and denied the charges framed against her. The charged Officer has submitted that "A mark of "?" or "A" is noted in the Attendance register before she came to the office and she signed on it when she come to the office. Later, she has submitted Leave Letters for those days as per instructions of the higher authorities. She also submitted that one of the staff has showed her an unsigned memo copy by stating that the Excise Superintendent has issued memo to her. Accordingly she met the higher authorities and submitted her explanation. In the reference fifth read above, the DTA has submitted his remarks on the explanation of the charged officer. Since, the explanation submitted by charged officer is not convincing, the same was rejected.

4. Government, after careful examination, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub rule (2) and sub rule (5) of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 hereby appoint Sri B. Raja Gopal Rao, Deputy Director, Guntur District as Inquiry Officer and Sri V. Swaminadhan, AD, DT, Nellore as Presenting officer to inquire into the charges framed against Smt. N. Lakshmi, the then Asst. Accounts Officer, O/o Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Ongole and presently Accounts Officer (Retd.) O/o Director of Tribal Welfare, Amaravati at Vijayawada.

5. The Inquiry Authority is directed to complete the enquiry within two months and submit report to the Government for taking further necessary action. In case of delay the Inquiry Authority shall explain every day of delay.

6. This order is available online and can be accessed at https://goir.ap.gov.in

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ADITYA NATH DAS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
Sri B. Raja Gopal Rao, Deputy Director, Guntur District through DTA.
Sri Swaminadhan, AD, DT, Nellore through DTA.
Copy to:
Smt. N. Lakshmi, the then Asst. Accounts Officer, O/o Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Ongole through DTA.
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SECTION OFFICER